

Blue Whale



Blue whales are the largest animals ever known to have lived on Earth. These magnificent marine mammals rule the oceans at up to 100 feet long and upwards of 200 tons. Blue whales look true blue underwater, but on the surface their coloring is more a mottled blue-gray. Their bellies are a yellow colour. Blue whales live in all the world's oceans, except the Arctic, occasionally swimming in small groups but usually alone or in pairs. They often spend summers feeding in polar waters.

A blue whale's tongue alone can weigh as much as an elephant—its heart as much as an automobile.

TYPE: Mammals

DIET: Carnivore

GROUP NAME: Pod

AVERAGE LIFESPAN IN THE WILD: 80 to 90 years

SIZE: 82 to 105 feet

WEIGHT: Up to 200 tons